

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
MARK ISOM RICHARDS
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Examiner: Pedro Philogene
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 29, 2006

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated March 29, 2006, for which the two-month date for response is May 29, 2006.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this response. However, should any fees be required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21, the Director is authorized to deduct such fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2108.003000.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.